

# The Temptation of Jesus: Victory Over Temptation

Luke 04: 01-15

(Mt. 4:1-11, 12-17; Mk. 1:12-13, 14-15)

## 1 *Being prepared to serve Cod*

- a. By being filled with the Spirit
- b. By spending time alone with God
- c. By being tried and tested
- d. By fasting and praying

## 2 *Temptation 1:*

*To meet the necessities of life  
by His own power*

- a. Satan's temptation:  
To misuse His power
- b. Jesus' answer:  
Man needs more than bread -  
he needs God's life or spiritual food

## 3 *Temptation. 2:*

*To seek His ambition by compromise*

- a. Satan's enticement:  
He shows the world's possessions  
and glory
- b. Satan's claim:  
He controls the world and its glory
- c. Satan's offer:  
He will give the world to anyone  
he wills
- d. Satan's condition:  
A person must worship and follow him
- e. Jesus' answer:  
He must worship and follow God alone

## 4 *Temptation 3:*

*To prove Himself  
through sensationalism*

- a. Satan's temptation
  - 1) To choose another way
  - 2) To misuse and twist the Scripture  
to suit his own ends
  - 3) To give people sensations  
- a religion of feelings

1. Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan  
and was led by the Spirit in the desert,

2 Where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.  
He ate nothing during those days,  
and at the end of them he was hungry.

3 The devil said to him,  
"If you are the Son of God,  
tell this stone to become bread."

4 Jesus answered, "It is written:  
'Man does not live on bread alone.'"

5 The devil led him up to a high place  
and showed him in an instant  
all the kingdoms of the world.

6 And he said to him,  
"I will give you all their authority and splendour,  
for it has been given to me,  
and I can give it to anyone I want to.

7 So if you worship me, it will all be yours."

8 Jesus answered, "It is written:  
'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

9 The devil led him to Jerusalem  
and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.  
"If you are the Son of God," he said,  
"throw yourself down from here.

10 For it is written:  
'He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you carefully;

11 They will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

<p>b. Jesus' answer: God is not to be tempted - God's way alone is to be followed</p> <p><b>5 Conclusion:</b> <i>Satan left Jesus for a while</i></p> <p>a. Jesus' great power b. Jesus' great fame c. Jesus' great ministry</p>	<p>12 Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"</p> <p>13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.</p> <p>14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.</p> <p>15 He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.</p>
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